

## Message Text

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R 041030Z AUG 77  
FM AMEMBASSY MASERU  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7374  
INFO AMEMBASSY PRETORIA  
AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG  
AMEMBASSY GABORONE  
AMEMBASSY MBABANE

UNCLAS MASERU 1148

STATE FOR AF/S

AID FOR SER/MO/TR

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EAID, OTRA, SF  
SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICAN VISAS FOR AID PERSONNEL

REF: MBABANE 1892

1. EMBASSY SUPPORTS MBABANE'S REQUEST THAT DEPARTMENT/AID  
MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO OBTAIN MULTIPLE ENTRY SOUTH AFRICAN VISAS  
FOR AID PERSONNEL COMING TO SOUTHERN AFRICA. MULTIPLE ENTRY  
TRANSIT VISAS ARE TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE FOR BOTH TDY PERSONNEL  
AND AID PERSONNEL POSTED TO BLS COUNTRIES.

2. RECENT AID ARRIVALS IN MASERU WITH MULTIPLE ENTRY TRANSIT  
VISAS ARE UNABLE TO SHOP IN NEARBY BORDER TOWNS. BEING ABLE  
TO CROSS THE BORDER TO SHOP IS A NECESSITY FOR CERTAIN ITEMS AND  
THE INABILITY TO PURCHASE THESE ITEMS IS A SERIOUS MORALE  
PROBLEM.

3. AN UNCONSCIONABLE AMOUNT OF TIME AND EFFORT IS BEING SPENT  
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BY BOTH EMBASSY MASERU AND CONSULAR SECTION OF EMBASSY PRETORIA  
IN ARRANGING SPECIAL PERMISSION AND NEW VISAS, VIRTUALLY ALWAYS  
IN EMERGENCY AND LAST MINUTE SITUATIONS.

4. THE INABILITY OF RSA EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TO ISSUE NORMAL  
MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS IS INCOMPREHENSIBLE SINCE THIS TYPE OF  
VISA IS EASILY OBTAINABLE ONCE THE AID PERSONNEL APPLY THROUGH

EMBASSY PRETORIA.

5. POST URGES THAT DEPARTMENT/AID DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO  
OBTAIN MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS FOR AID PERSONNEL. IF THIS IS  
IMPOSSIBLE, POST SUPPORTS MBABANE'S REQUEST THAT AID PERSONNEL  
BE SCHEDULED FOR A PRETORIA STOP-OVER TO MAKE APPROPRIATE VISA  
ARRANGEMENTS. STOKES

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